

Dunn Tobacco Market Entering 9th Big Season

Tobacco Preparation Important At Sales

WILSON — W. G. Pierce, County Agent of Wilson County, emphasizes that all tobacco farmers should give considerable thought to the preparation phase of tobacco for market.

S. N. Hawks, Jr., Tobacco Specialist at State College, states that properly prepared tobacco looks good on the warehouse floor and catches the eyes of quality minded bidders. Also if a buyer wants a particular grade or kind of tobacco let's don't force him to take something else by mixing the grades. This cannot possibly strengthen the farmer's position in the long run.

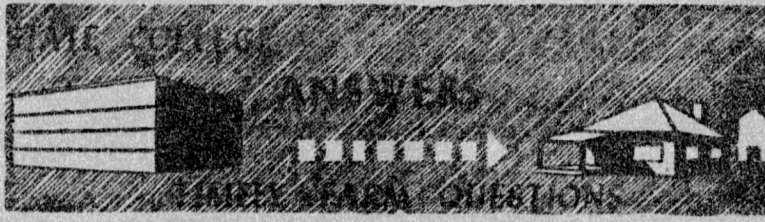
Another important item in preparing tobacco for market is to keep it free of strings and other foreign matter. This material must be picked out by manufacturers by hand, which runs their cost up considerably.

Many companies have advised their buyers not to buy tobacco that contains strings. If they can detect it. String in a cigarette makes a very bad smoke.

Pierce states that in marketing any farm product, it will pay to prepare it attractively and neatly. A grower may think he is getting by with something when he fails to sort the crop properly, or if he leaves string mixed in it out the extra expense that the manufacturer has in handling will be reflected in the price the grower receives.

GOOD LIGHTS FOR SORTING
If a good job of sorting and handling is to be done, a good place to work is needed. A well-lighted sorting room with some means of bringing the tobacco in order will help speed up the job and enable the grower to do a better job.

Studies and observation show that of the lights examined to date, a combination of one 40-watt "deluxe cool white" fluorescent tube and one 40-watt "daylight" tube is satisfactory for sorting tobacco. The use of electric lights not only helps the grower to do a better job by having a constant light, but will also make it possible for him to work his tobacco any time during the day or night.



QUESTION: Are conditions favorable for raising beef cattle in North Carolina?

ANSWER: Conditions make North Carolina an ideal state for growing beef cattle. The mild climate and heavy rainfall gives good grazing and economical feed production. Very little housing is required. Land and labor are available, and farmers are increasing their knowledge of livestock production. Markets for beef cattle are being improved.

QUESTION: How can I get an even stand of grass on my lawn?

ANSWER: Divide the seed equally and sow two ways at right angles to each other to be assured of uniform distribution. Thoroughly harrow or rake the seeds into the soil about one-eighth to one-fourth inch deep. Make sure they are covered uniformly. If planted too deep, the germination will be poor and the stand unsatisfactory. If a roller is available, roll the soil after seeding. A mulch of straw left on the soil will be helpful.

QUESTION: What must dairy cows be fed in the winter?

ANSWER: Successful winter feeding means imitating early summer conditions as near as possible. The dairy cow is by nature a roughage consuming animal. She does her best when supplied with plenty of roughage. In winter this roughage should be a legume hay and a succulent feed. The better the quality, the more of the required nutrients will be received from the roughage and the smaller the amount of grain that will be needed.

Best Year Expected At Sales

DUNN — The ninth season for Dunn's fast growing tobacco market was set for opening today (Thursday), with warehouse officials predicting the best season yet.

Merchants and city officials joined with tobaccomen in welcoming farmers of surrounding areas to the city, and in reminding them that during the brief history of the local market, it has enjoyed one of the highest price averages of the state.

From a volume of 9,000,000 pounds in 1948, the Dunn market made steady increases to 11,400,000 pounds last year, and the prediction is that the 1956 volume will be even higher, in spite of a cut of 12.5 in acreage.

The fact that it draws an unusually large number of buyers makes prospects good for high prices through highly competitive bidding.

Dunn's two warehouses have a combined floor space of more than 480,000 square feet. They are the Big Four, located just off the Benson highway north of Dunn, and Planters, on the Fayetteville highway to the south.

The local sales supervisor is Mark Cunningham, while the auctioneer is Fred Edwards.

First sales are held daily, with

the two warehouses alternating beginning with Planters on Thursday. Buyers are on hand from every major foreign and domestic company, including Imperial, Export American, R. J. Reynolds and Liggett and Myers. A number of independent companies also will be represented.

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AMEs Open New Church In Fairbanks

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — On motion of the Rev. C. D. Toliver of the First AME Church, Seattle, Wash., seconded by the Rev. L. K. Williams of Allen AME Church, Tacoma, Wash., the First AME Church of Fairbanks, Alaska, was formerly received into the Puget Sound Conference last week.

This action followed a report by Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, who had just returned from an official visit there.

Alaska, called the last frontier of America, is the newest frontier to be conquered for African Methodism.

The Puget Sound Conference unanimously passed a resolution urging its local congregations in their missionary endeavor, to include aid to the two frontier congregations of the conference — Fairbanks, Alaska and Vancouver, British Columbia.

A resolution was passed calling upon the Republican Party in the coming convention, to approve President Eisenhower's program of Civil Rights and pledge itself to enact the necessary legislation.

Increased use of electricity on farms has led to lower average cost per kilowatt hour paid by farmers but somewhat higher monthly electric bills.

Production of blue-cured tobacco in North Carolina from the crop of 1956, forecast on July 1, at 783,625,000 pounds, would be 20 per cent below the record production in 1955.

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